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In re Patent Application of:
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For: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING
A DISTRIBUTED FILE SYSTEM UTILIZING
METADATA TO TRACK INFORMATION
ABOUT DATA STORED THROUGHOUT THE
SYSTEM

Examiner: T. Y. Chen

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 28, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.